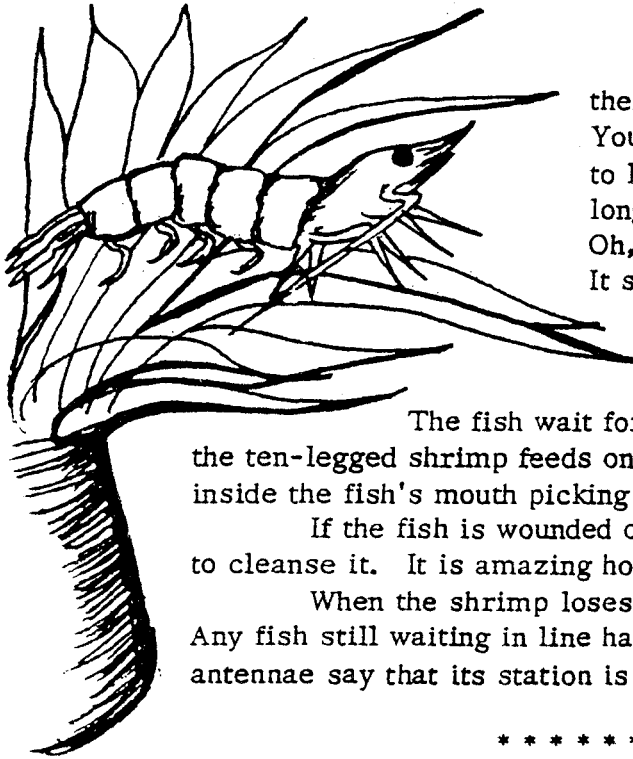


COMPREHENSION CHALLENGES



Look down over the side of the boat. No, not there. Look way down deep in front of all those fish. You can't see it? Perhaps you just don't know what to look for. It's blue. It almost looks like beads with long white antennae waving like tall fronds in a breeze. Oh, now you see it. What is it? It's a cleaner shrimp. It sits, protected, on an anemone waiting for fish to swim in toward the anemone. The shrimp waits, not to eat the fish, but to rid them of their parasites.

The fish wait for service, like cars at a service station. In turn, the ten-legged shrimp feeds on the pests hanging to the fish. It might even go inside the fish's mouth picking at its teeth.

If the fish is wounded or has raw sores, the shrimp works especially hard to cleanse it. It is amazing how things in nature work together.

When the shrimp loses its appetite, it returns to the safety of the anemone. Any fish still waiting in line has to look for other cleaner shrimp. The waving antennae say that its station is open, and it is hungry enough to work.

1. This story is about:
 - (a) sea anemones
 - (b) fish parasites
 - (c) fishes of the sea
 - (d) the cleaner shrimp
2. The sea anemone:
 - (a) cleans the parasites off the fish
 - (b) waves its antennae
 - (c) is a ten-legged shrimp
 - (d) is a waiting station for the cleaner shrimp
3. The waving antennae of the cleaner shrimp means:
 - (a) there is a wounded fish
 - (b) there is a strong ocean current
 - (c) it's hungry and ready to work
 - (d) it's all through working
4. The fish:
 - (a) swim around to get the shrimp's attention
 - (b) wait in line for cleansing service
 - (c) eat the parasites off each other
 - (d) clean each other's teeth
5. When the shrimp loses its appetite,
 - (a) it waves its antennae
 - (b) sits on the anemone
 - (c) returns to the safety of the anemone
 - (d) picks the fishes' teeth
6. A parasite is:
 - (a) one who lives in the sea
 - (b) a special kind of food
 - (c) a special kind of fish
 - (d) one who lives off another
7. From the story you can wonder if the shrimp:
 - (a) always lives on the same anemone
 - (b) can travel long distances
 - (c) can swim
 - (d) are prey for larger fish
8. The main reason the cleaner shrimp does his job is:
 - (a) to be of service to the fish
 - (b) to keep himself busy
 - (c) to feed himself
 - (d) to attract other shrimp